

DECLASSIFIED

EXCISE

Tuesday
September 23, 1952

B6

To the office. A little time off to buy 72 pieces of silver gilt ~~KNIVES~~, forks and spoons at Thomas Lunley's. The clans have gathered, and the place is overrun with Ambassadors. Messrs. Kennan (Moscow), Dunn (Paris), Donnelly (Bonn), Funker (Rome), Draper (Paris), Merchant (Paris), Anderson (Paris) are here with understudies, and some complete with wives.

Treked from office to office during the day. Lunched with Julius Holmes at White's Club. Visited Wellington Museum at Apsley House -- fascinating lot of grateful gifts from the Portuguese, etc.

Dinner with Leó d'Erlanger.

B6
Privacy

Had a talk with George Kennan.

In Berlin a few days ago, en route from Moscow to London, he delivered himself of an accumulation of bile and resentment to newspaper correspondents about the frustrations of his life in the Soviet Union, comparing them with those suffered under the German Nazis. I believe he thinks he is for the high jump when the Soviets have digested what he said. He went there with justified expectations of establishing a productive relationship with the Soviet Government, and has met with rebuffs and neglect. He told me f-

B6

the Soviets regard him as their enemy number one because he is such a realistic expert on Russian history, culture, and current policies.

B6

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY CLE DATE 7-1-81

PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

DECLASSIFIED